Charges of Graft Loudly Denied.

of the suffrage party. It is charged

officials of a traction company operating a suburban line between Los An-

tracks through the main streets of the

new municipality to bring about the

given sufficient financial support dur-

charge has been made against cer-

tain leaders in the Progressive faction, who, according to the women

office seekers, have held long confer-

from Los Angeles who are seeking the acceptance of their bids to build artesian wells in Universal City and to

Both the Progressive and Democratic

candidates who have been labeled by

the suffrage opponents as being involved in the pre-election conspiracies

have placarded every telephone pole and board fence in the city with emphatic denials of the verbal allega-

"The women want the vote," reads

one glaring three color poster pasted on a conspicuous fence. "The Demo crats won out in November. We are

going to win on May 20. The suffra-

gettes have instituted stories of graft

A group of Socialists, including two

as a part of their campaign against us

sity of each misleading assertion."

tions made against them.

## INHABITANTS OF MOVING PICTURE CITY, PLANNING TO INCORPORATE AND ELECT MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, THWARTED WHEN ACTRESSES START SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

Universal City, California, Only Municipality In World In Which Entire Population Consists of "Movie" Stars Swept by a "Votes For Women" Crusade-Indian Squaws Join Uprising and Compel Braves to Desert Party.

Women Candidates For Office Cable to Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont For Advice on Suffrage Crusade—Issuing of Franchise to Street Railway Company, Building of Artesian Wells, City Hall, and Appointment of Police and Fire Departments Checked by Suffragist Sympathizers—Picture Work Neglected.

SUFFRAGE CANDIDATES.

Mayor-Lois Weber. Corporation Counsel-Ethel Gran-

Aldermen-Edna Maison, Natalle Chief of Police-Laura Oakley.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

Mayor-Aubrey M. Kennedy. Corporation Counsel-James Day-

Aldermen-A. R. Whitcomb, D. C. Chief of Police-L. M. Levey.

PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATES.

Mayor-W. L. Foster. Corporation Counsel - Arthur A. Alder. Aldermen-P. E. McGuire, F. G.

Chief of Police-Daniel Horn.

Having been nominated for mayor, Lois Weber took an even more active interest in the campaign. She delivered the ultimatum that the suffrage ticket must win by fair means or foul. Two charges of graft have been made unofficially against Democratic and Progressive nominees by members that Democratic candidates several weeks ago opened negotiations with geles and Universal City and who are desirous of obtaining a franchise to lay necessary influence in event they were ing the present campaign. A similar ences recently with several contractors construct new cottages and lay out the

WHAT MAY HAPPEN (Camera Man to Mayor and Councilmen)-"Come on, you fellows; forget the political we've got to have your city hall for a scene."

We deny every such allegation and will upon request prove the utter falwrath and party alliances it is policy public halls. for us to sit back and let them fight their own battles."

> At all of the eight studios there are dates of the three parties. One picture has been spoiled by the leading lady streets. of the Nestor company, who forgot her business and launched forth into a heated suffrage argument with her leading man while the frantic director was trying to film a ball room scene. Squaws Grow Militant - Threater

Braves.

The women are threatening to resort to methods of sabotage as practiced in London and Paris by militant politicals. They promise to spoil thousands of feet of film unless the men will treat their movement with more dignity and agree to give them their support.

One squaw with a particularly stubborn spouse who rides bucking bronchos in some of the best 101 Bison company pictures has sworn that she will put cockleburs under her husband's horse blanket and make his callco pony buck in deadly earnest in the next picture if his chiefship doesn't agree to "vote right."

The directors of the various compa nies are all sitting on the fence, afraid to get down on either side for fear of stepping on the tender toes of their emperamental actors and actresses They don't dare express an opinion or espouse any of the three causes for fear some earnest politician will spoil a picture.

The men, having visions of being to organize a party following, but the haled to court by a lady police, exworld inhabited performers. "We want as many men 7, and an overwhelming majority of meeting with a few cat calls and their pay enevelopes taxed by a lady tor, are in open revolt. Their chief which the peace pipe wasn't passed. argument is that women graft enough privately from their husbands and that ingly important because a street rail-

when they are boiling with political free speech are to be had in the two fear of getting no meals at all. The

daily arguments between the candi- their meetings and drown out the Men do the cooking in this kitchen, but voices of male political agitators in the women serve the meals, so they have



Margarita Fischer Making Her First Suffrage Speech.

dian vote. She has conducted two suc-The forthcoming election is exceedtures for a franchise to lay its tracks attempt of women to gain entire con-

suffrage question has already pene-The women have already scored one trated to the big kitchen where over victory by hiring the famous Universal a thousand moving picture people take Round-up Cowboy band to play at dinner and supper together daily, the ruling hand after all. Suffrage Princess Mona Darkfeather, leading sympathizers are getting big belpings woman of 101 Bison company No. 3, nowadays, while many Progressives and Democrats are going hungry, even after passing up their plates for a third and fourth scanty helping.

> An interesting question of naturalization arises because two hundred and forty-one of the voters are Indians. As yet many cases of Indian voters are in question. There is also some talk about the fact that three hundred of the inhabitants are discharged United States soldiers, and the right of some of these men to vote is being questioned.

> There is a great deal of betting on the outcome. Groups of actors and actresses get into heated arguments before and after work. One freak bet has been registered between a motherly suffragette and a cowboy. In the event that the women's ticket loses the suffragette has agreed to put in two days at ditch digging on the new artesian well works.

If the suffragettes win, however, the cowboy has agreed to do a week's washing for the winner.

It is rumored that Chief Black Bear has bet his suffragette wife against a fifty dollar pony on the Democrats, If the Democrats win he gets a good horse: if they lose he gets rid of a suffragette wife. When last seen Chief Black Bear had a smug smile of satisfaction on his bronze face. He looked over having a pretty sure thing, sort of a "heads I win, tails you lose" propo-

It will be interesting to follow this first

EDWARD LYONS

WHO WANTS TO BE

CAUSE

sition.





exclusively by as possible to be there."

board of aldermen and a police and fire investigation, even at the risk of losdepartment, is ravaged by a suffrage ing their positions at supper, so Miss movement which has sprung up almost overnight.

Christened little more than three months ago, Universal City is now to studio No. 1. permanently established on the map of southern California with a total thousand and more residents is acmoving pictures.

Cal., the only mu- No. 1 at once," said Leonard after Di- night.

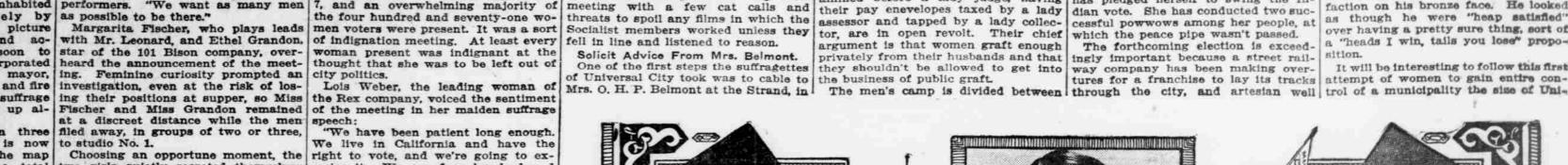
actors and ac- with Mr. Leonard, and Ethel Grandon, tresses, soon to star of the 101 Bison company, overincorporated heard the announcement of the meetwith a mayor, ing. Feminine curiosity prompted an Fischer and Miss Grandon remained at a discreet distance while the men speech; filed away, in groups of two or three,

"There will be a meeting in studio to be on hand at the mass meeting that anarchists and an anti-suffragist, tried nicipality in the rector Otis Turner had dismissed the The meeting was held at studio No. resourceful suffragists broke up their amined before a lady judge, having has pledged herself to swing the In-

of indignation meeting. At least every woman present was indignant at the thought that she was to be left out of city politics.

Lois Weber, the leading woman of the Rex company, voiced the sentiment of the meeting in her maiden suffrage

"We have been patient long enough. We live in California and have the Choosing an opportune moment, the right to vote, and we're going to extwo girls quietly secreted themselves ercise it. We are four hundred and population of 1.345. Every one of the behind a mass of "props" and listened. seventy-one strong, against one hun-"Let these men run us and Universal dred and fifty Indians, seventy-five tively identified with the making of City too? Never!" sputtered the now cowboys, three hundred cavalry and angered Miss Fischer as she hurried infantry soldiers, twenty-two carpen-Announcement recently that an elec- Miss Grandon away from the studio at ters, fifteen scene painters, two huntion will be held on May 20 precipitated the conclusion of the men's meeting. dred actors, one hundred laborers and the suffrage flurry which has assumed "Women can vote up in Los Angeles, twelve men cooks. That's eight hun-





suggestions.

Pending replies to these messages, Director Breaks Up Democratic Gaththe Universal City suffragettes have taken things into their own hands and acted where action was necessary. Lois Weber, suffrage candidate for mayor, has threatened to give Phillips Smalley, her husband and leading man

vote the women's ticket. company have determined to let the leaving his audience dumfounded, actors and actresses fight their own

"We don't even dare betray our party dwindled. inclinations," declared Mr. Carl Laemmle, president of the Universal Film Women Score First Real Campaign that the election of city officials was it to the wigwams of the ninety-one dian squaw sitting well down front. Manufacturing company. "If we did there would be an awful cry of 'par-Thereupon the meeting was adjourn- tiality rom our west coast organiza- they turn out into the streets and drift a little speech made by Robert Leon- working with them in pictures at Uni- ed and the audience, with a swish of tion. Actors and actresses are tempera- from corner to corner, listening to rival ard of Rex company fame, therefore, versal City. The sister squaws were skirts, began by nominating a slate of mental, even under ordinary circum- speakers. The embryo city is ablaze interested in the movement and agreed officers. It is the first municipal ticket stances, and difficult to manage, but with torchlights, and free food and

their way.

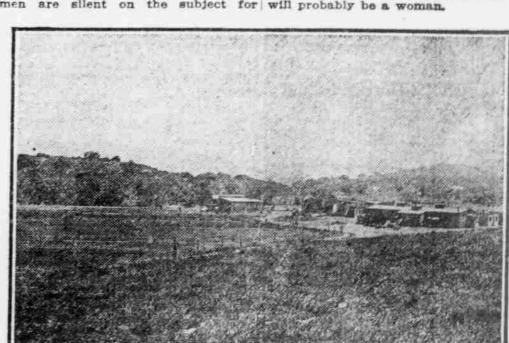
ering.

The suffragettes are still laughing over the failure of a recent Democratic mass meeting. Phillips Smalley organized the meeting to "get back" at in Rex company No. 1, weak support in an important picture in which they him. Right in the midst of an eloquent speech Smalley was pulled off the stump by the director of his company All of the residents of this suffrage and taken in an auto six miles into the torn municipality, including the tribe country to appear in a forest scene in of Indians, the regiment of soldiers and an unfinished picture. His mouth was the cowboys, are in the employ of the still open in a final denunciation of the Universal Film Manufacturing com- women's candidate when he disappearpany of New York. Officials of the ed into the tonneau of the big auto,

roused the women to action. Many us a big majority. Since most of us battles and settle their various posuppers were served either cold or are married and can only properly litical differences without any interspeech until her shamefaced audience

Victory. At night, when all the actors are free

London, asking her for advice on how the two parties. They are debating bids are to be placed shortly. Other versal City. If it succeeds and the to get the suffrage vote. They wired whether to throw up their hands right big movements are afoot. A bank, ho- women really get into the coveted Miss Inez Milholland at the Vander- now, in the fear that there is going to tels and a race track have been planned. offices, then it will be just twice as inbilt hotel in New York for helpful be trouble if the women don't have The women are all in favor of a co- teresting to see how they pan out, operative store and kitchen idea which Anyway it's an unusual situation, and has been talked about, but most of the in this case if the best man wins it men are silent on the subject for will probably be a woman.



Studies and Done at Hales

of a temporary police department before the official election is held.

Secret Meeting Reveals Political Plot. The trouble started at the conclusion of a recent rehearsal for a big three reel feature film, in which every actress in Universal City was to appear. No previous announcement had been made by the men leaders in the movement to incorporate Universal City had doubly surprises results.

are anxiously urging the appointment Universal City we are going to do as camp-almost twice as many votes as much of it as anybody. Maybe more!" we have. And with this ultimatum the young ladies set out on visits to the various for each woman to bring at least one cottages. They talked propaganda and vote besides her own. That will give

But the women were awakening. Women Hold Indignation Meeting. Miss Grandon even extended her viscontemplated or even that a state Indian squaws who cook hominy and "I bring-um three." charter would be sought. The effect of Indian pudding for the 150 braves

Black Pete to Indian Brave: "We'd better be goin' afore we lose our scalps. That fellow argued with her." proportions so alarming that the voters | and if there is any voting to be done at | dred and seventy-four in the enemy's

"Now, the only way for us to win is burned in Universal City that night. bring in one extra vote, we will count ference. on the old and young maids for three

> or four votes apiece." "Heap good talk!" cried an old In-